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## Interview Summary

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c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Kleshinski 5,755,778.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants propose amendments in claim 1, 2 and 4 (see attachment). Examiner agrees with the applicants that the proposed amendments would make the claims overcoming the cited art.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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# **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

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## **I. Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims replaces without prejudice all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An expandable endovascular prosthesis comprising:
  - a body having a proximal end and a distal end;
  - a tubular first expandable portion disposed between the proximal end and the distal end of said body, the tubular first expandable portion being expandable from a first, unexpanded state to a first, expanded state with a radially outward force thereon to urge the tubular first expandable portion against a vascular lumen;
  - ~~a-second~~ a cantilevered leaf-shaped expandable portion attached to the tubular first expandable portion, the ~~second~~ leaf-shaped expandable portion being expandable from a second, unexpanded state to a second expanded state upon expansion

of the tubular ~~first~~ expandable portion, the ~~second~~ leaf-shaped expandable portion covering a greater surface area in the second expanded state than in the second unexpanded state; and

a covering material having a first surface area disposed over a second surface area of the ~~second~~ leaf-shaped expandable portion, the first surface area of said covering being greater in the second unexpanded state than the second surface area in the second unexpanded state ~~of the second expandable portion~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The prosthesis defined in claim 1, wherein the ~~second~~ leaf-shaped expandable portion comprises a porous surface.

3. (Original) The prosthesis defined in claim 2, wherein the covering layer covers at least a portion of the porous surface.

4. (Currently Amended) The prosthesis defined in claim 1, wherein the covering layer comprises an elastic material capable of stretching upon expansion of the ~~second~~ leaf-shaped expandable portion.

5. (Original) The prosthesis defined in claim 2, wherein the porous surface is defined by a plurality of interconnected struts.

6. (Original) The prosthesis defined in claim 5, wherein the plurality of